

FOOD TRUCK POLICY ADVISORY GROUP  
9/26/13 MEETING SUMMARY

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. Following introductions of Advisory Group members who were unable to attend the first meeting, the Group began discussing issues on the matrix. Consensus was reached on the following:

- Allow in public parks, at recreation centers, school property and farmers markets at the discretion of Director of RPCA, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Market Masters, respectively;
- Allow at all permitted special events;
- Allow vending on private property – churches, schools, businesses with property owners permission. **No consensus was reached on residential property and that discussion will be continued at the next meeting.**

There was a short discussion on the level of demand for food trucks in Alexandria. One member suggested that food trucks are needed at Union Station, because trains are frequently late and vending options are limited. In response to a question about whether there is enough density in Old Town and the Mt. Vernon Avenue corridor to support food truck, another member noted that 100 – 125 meals are needed for a viable operation in any area. It was also noted that Fairfax County has issued an RFP to allow food truck vending in its parks.

During the public discussion session, there were two speakers whose comments follow.

- The Carlyle Council is opposed to food trucks in that area because maintaining retail businesses and restaurants has been a challenge in that area. (There is an acknowledgement that the residents in Carlyle support food trucks).
- All food truck operations east of Washington Street should be subject to the Special Use Permit (SUP) process. Where will people park? What is the impact on traffic? Impact on the Old Town Restaurant Guidelines?